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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Chaitanya S. Bangur et al.

Application No. : 09/849,626

Filed : May 3, 2001

For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE THERAPY AND  
DIAGNOSIS OF LUNG CANCER

Examiner : Jeffrey Fredman

Art Unit : 1637

Docket No. : 210121.478C16

Date : September 23, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 23, 2002, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on September 23, 2002. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Applicants hereby elect Group IX, claim 14, drawn to methods of nucleic acid analysis, and the species of SEQ ID NO:1797 (also referred to as L978P) for examination at this time.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 14 to read as follows:

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14. (Amended) A method for determining the presence of a lung cancer in a patient, comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining a biological sample from the patient;

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